

AGENDA ITEM: CLSA System Advisory Board

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: The System Advisory Board Program continues to make available to Systems a means for directly incorporating citizen advice in planning and delivering System services. CLSA Systems are currently developing their 2001/02 Plans of Service for this program as well as for System Reference and System C&D. A copy of the forms and instructions are available upon request.

PROGRAM TRENDS: The 2001/02 CLSA Local Assistance appropriation currently in the Budget Bill is identical to the current year's funding.

TRANSITION PROCESS: Staff requests guidance from the Library of California Board in preparing a plan for the transition of this program to the Library of California for Board consideration. The Library of California Act does not include a regional library network user advisory board similar to the CLSA System Advisory Boards. However, the Act does require that each regional library network Council include a library user from each type of member library and that each regional library network Board of Directors include at least one library user. These library users represent library users in the region and have the same status and voting rights as the library members of the network. These requirements appear to have the same intent as the CLSA System Advisory Board Program, which is to provide a mechanism to involve the user community in the planning and development of services, to foster communication between the administrative bodies and library users, and to ensure that the network's services meet the needs of its users. The establishment and related duties of regional library network Councils and Boards are included in the mandatory Administration program element of the Library of California, and therefore that program would be the most likely target area for transitioning this particular CLSA program into the multitype network of the Library of California.

This would not prevent a regional library network from also establishing an advisory committee of representatives from its member libraries' user communities, if it wished to take such action.

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: Summary of SAB workload estimates and mandated activities for 2001/02 (August).

Relevant Committee: Support Services
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